

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

2014-02-12&13 Winter Weather

Situation Report #4

0700 14 February 2014

Summary: A winter storm has brought over 20 inches of wet snow, sleet, and freezing rain throughout much of the state. This wintry mix created hazardous driving conditions and power outages. Governor McAuliffe declared a state of emergency on February 11; [Executive Order #7](#). **New information is in bold.**

State Actions:

- **Executive Branch State agencies in the Richmond Metropolitan area will open with a 2-hour delay Friday, February 14, 2014.**

Local Declarations as of 1700 (22)

- **Buchanan County**
- Charlotte County
- Chesterfield County
- Cumberland County
- Fauquier County
- Franklin County
- Frederick County
- Goochland County
- Greene County
- Halifax County
- Henrico County
- King William County
- Lunenburg County
- Montgomery County
- Orange County
- Page County
- Pittsylvania County
- Prince Edward County
- Radford City
- Rockbridge County
- Smyth County
- Winchester City

Local EOCs Status as of 1700 (19)

- Albemarle County
- Arlington City
- **Buchanan County**
- Charlotte County
- Fairfax County

- Franklin County
- Fredericksburg City
- Greene County
- Halifax County
- Henrico County
- King George County
- Manassas City
- Nelson County
- Page County
- Pittsylvania County
- Prince William County
- Rockbridge County
- Stafford County
- Winchester City

VDEM/VEOC

- Response Operations as of 0800 February 12. A WebEOC event, 2014-02-12/13 Winter Weather, created.
- VDEM continues to coordinate and/or participate in situational awareness conference calls.

ESF # 1 Transportation

- **Deicing efforts on north bound I-81 at mile marker 88 resulted in a back up of traffic that lasted approximately 6 hours and extended to mile marker 103.**
 - Interstates - 0
 - Primary -0
 - Secondary - 4
- Amtrak will operate on normal schedule on Friday, February 14. Long distance trains to and from the south continue to be disrupted.
- Several runways at Dulles International Airport have reopened.
- Reagan National Airport has reopened.
- Port of Richmond plans to reopen at 0800 Friday, February 14.
- VA Inland Port will remain closed until 0800 on Monday, February 17.
- MetroRail system will resume normal schedule today.
- **MetroBus will run limited service on major arteries on Friday, February 14 at 0500.**
- **VRE will operate on a reduced schedule today Friday February 14.**

ESF #7 Logistics/Resource Support

- Number of Missions: **5**
 - Completed/Delivered/Demobilized: **1**
 - Accepted/Tasked/In Transit/In Use: **4**
 - Withdrawn: **2**

ESF # 8 Public Health

- OCME reports two incident related fatalities:
 - Northern Region – 1 (motor vehicle accident)
 - Central Region – 1 (motor vehicle accident)

ESF # 13 Public Safety

- **Open Calls - 20**
 - Accidents – **1,434**
 - Disabled Vehicles – **1,547**
 - Personal Injury – **85**
 - State Owned Vehicle – **32**
 - Property Damage – **1,315**

ESF # 15 Public Affairs

- The Joint Information Center was staffed today with public information officers from VDEM, VDH and VDOT to handle media inquiries, post public information to social media and a storm blog, and coordinate release of public information with other state agencies and the Governor's Press Office. More than 25 media inquiries from state, national and international outlets including CNN, Japanese News, Wall Street Journal and Univision have been answered, several in Spanish.
- Social media use skyrocketed with VDEM's Facebook increasing from 13,000 to 17,000 followers in two days. Instagram was used for the first time to post short brief videos about VEOC responsibilities and post to social media.

ESF # 16 Military Affairs

- Number of missions:
 - Completed/Delivered/Demobilized: 7
 - Accepted/Tasked/In Transit/In Use: 6
 - Withdrawn: 2
- Authorized CAP: 300
 - Deployed: Currently have pre-deployed forces to 14 Armories throughout the Commonwealth.
 - Number of persons on state active duty: **246**
 - Title 32: 32

ESF # 17 Volunteers and Donations

- Volunteer Fairfax has 4 wheel driver/vehicles available for transport within the County.
- Three 6-person chainsaw teams on standby.

Weather Forecast

- **Southwest Virginia**

Today: Mostly sunny in the morning then cloudy with a 60% chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in 30-40s degrees. Southwest winds 5-15 mph.

Tonight: Rain or snow likely in the evening. A chance of light sleet until early Saturday morning. [NWS Morristown](#)

- **West Central Virginia**

Today: Increased clouds with a high near 43 degrees. Windy with a west wind 21-26 mph decreasing to 15-20 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 43 mph.

Tonight: Rain and snow becoming all snow after 2am with lows around 29 degrees. Southwest wind between 9-11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible. [NWS Blacksburg](#)

- **Northwest & Northern Virginia**

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 43. West wind between 6-10 mph.

Tonight: A slight chance of rain and snow before midnight, then snow. Lows around 28 degrees. Calm wind becoming northeast between 5-7 mph after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of around an inch possible. [NWS Sterling](#)

- **Central Virginia**

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 49 degrees. Southwest wind between 8-14 mph.

Tonight: Rain likely mainly after 1 am. Mostly cloudy with a low around 34. Southwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible. [NWS Wakefield](#)

- **Eastern Virginia**

Today: Sunny with a high near 53 degrees. Southwest wind between 14-17 mph.

Tonight: Rain likely after 1 am. Increasing clouds with a low around 39 degrees. South wind between 5-11 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New precipitation amounts of a less than a tenth of an inch possible. [NWS Wakefield](#)

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